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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DETERMINING CRITICAL TIMING  
PATH SENSITIVITIES OF MACROS IN A  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT DATED JULY 9, 2004**

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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 9, 2004 for which the date for response is August 9, 2004.

In response to the restriction requirement that the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-8 and 16, i.e., the Group I claims.

Applicants also note that claim 16 is a claim to "means" for practicing the method claims set forth in the Group I claims. According to MPEP § 806.05(e), a "means" claim is a linking claim and must be examined with the elected invention. If it is ultimately allowed, rejoinder of

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the non-elected claims is required. See MPEP § 809.04. Claim 16 satisfies the criteria set forth in MPEP 806.05(e) for a linking claim. Thus, if claim 16 is found to be allowable, Applicants are entitled to have the remaining Group II claims (*i.e.*, 9-15) rejoined.

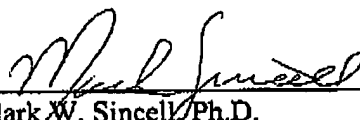
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